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#### MEMORANDUM SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: New Army Environmental Reporting Online Portal

- 1. The new Army Environmental Reporting Online (AERO) was released to the Army environmental community on 5 Nov 04. The AERO will serve as the new portal for Army users to access their environmental reporting systems via single sign on, and it replaces the current Army Environmental Reporting Portal (AERP). The AERO and AERP will coexist for a short period of time while user accounts are in the process of being distributed, with complete removal of the AERP NLT 1 Feb 05. In the interim, Army environmental users will have continued access to AERP.
- 2. The US Army Environmental Center (USAEC) is creating and distributing all AERO accounts. However, not all Army users have an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) e-mail account. Users must have an AKO account before they can receive an AERO account. Additionally, correspondence regarding AERO, as well as system-generated messages, will be distributed exclusively via AKO e-mail addresses. Unapproved Internet Service Providers or Web-based systems are not to be used for official Army business unless specifically authorized by the Director of Information Management.
- 3. The AERO system is also the gateway for the new Enforcement Action (ENF) and ZeroNOV (Zero Notice of Violation) modules. The ENF module allows single entry of all required ENF data and eliminates the duplicative reporting of ENFs in the ZeroNOV report and then again in the Environmental Quality Report (EQR). The ZeroNOV module e-mails the draft report up through the chain of command for review prior to reaching my office. Effective immediately ZeroNOV reporting will be through the AERO, which replaces the Microsoft Word version of the ZeroNOV report.
- 4. Enclosed is a brief summary of features currently included in the AERO portal.
- 5. Users are encouraged to contact the USAEC Help Desk at (410) 436-1244 or e-mail: <u>USAECHelpDesk@aec.apgea.army.mil</u> to obtain additional information. My points of contact are Mr. Paul Dubois, (703) 601-1512, and Mr. Durant S. Graves, (410) 436-6332.

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## Primary Features of the Army Environmental Reporting Online (AERO)

1. Single Sign On (SSO) — Users can synchronize and access their current system accounts for any and all Army reporting systems within AERO so long as they have an existing account(s) to those systems. Once all systems have been synchronized through AERO access, users only need to track their AERO account ID and password. This will greatly facilitate movement between systems for any required data review and analysis.

Access to Army reporting systems includes:

- AEDB-R (ER,A Funds) - EPRWeb (EPRRWeb) - RPTS

- AEDB-CC - EPRWeb-M - NEPA Online

- AEDB-EQ (March 2005) - EQR

- EPAS - ERIS & ERIS Range

Users will also have access to annual Toxic Release Inventory (**TRI data**). New TRI reports have been created and are now available at all levels in AERO. Each system link consists of its own news update page and related documents or reference materials to keep users informed on pertinent changes and/or issues affecting that specific reporting system or program.

2. Expanded Army Environmental Database (AEDB) Reports – Various functional reports derived from AEDB data have been modified based upon the Army realignment from MACOMs to Installation Management Agency (IMA) Regions and now include the more recent data submissions. Also included are new rollup reports for the various Army levels. Most reports are available and exportable in either PDF or Excel format.

**Note:** Users should be aware that funding reports in AERO at this time do not include funding information from Environmental Program Requirements Web-Mission (EPRWeb-M). All funding reports reflect only Base Operations funding information.

- 3. Changing Organizational Level Users at any level (HQ, IMA Regions/MACOM, or installations) with an AERO account can view approved data submissions at all levels. For such access, users can change their organizational view of the data in three ways:
  - a. Typing in a specific Army installation name, or portion thereof.
- b. Selecting from a set of filtered hierarchical drop down lists of Regions/MACOMs and installations.
- c. Using an interactive map to focus the search to specific states or OCONUS Regions followed by a drop down list.

# Primary Features of the Army Environmental Reporting Online (AERO) (cont)

- **4. Calendar** An Army Environmental reporting calendar charts environmental data calls, environmental training, and user group sessions, as well as system(s) testing and/or maintenance periods by specific reporting systems.
- **5. E-Library** Users can view environmental documents such as Installation Action Plans (IAPs) and Regional Summary Reports. Presently, there are currently more than 100 IAPs in the database, which are viewable only from the E-Library Tab at the installation level. The Regional Summary Reports provide status on the Army Centralized Programs managed at USAEC, such as Cleanup, Forestry Ag/Grazing, Pest Management, and Army Active and Inactive Ranges. These reports are viewable at the E-Library Tab at the Region Level.
- **6. People Search** This capability allows users to locate phone numbers and/or Army organization name and addresses of other AERO users. The AERO users are responsible for populating their individual information.

### Acronyms:

AEDB - Army Environmental Database

AEDB-CC - Army Environmental Database-Compliance Cleanup

AEDB-EQ — Army Environmental Database-Environmental Quality (March 2005)

AEDB-R (ER,A Funds) – Army Environmental Database-Restoration (Environmental Restoration, Active (ER,A)

AERP - Army Environmental Reporting Portal

EPAS – Environmental Performance Assessment System

EPRRWeb - Environmental Program Requirements - Review

EPRWeb - Environmental Program Requirements - Web

EPRWeb-M – Environmental Program Requirements Web – Mission

EQR - Environmental Quality Report

ERIS – Environmental Restoration Information System

ERIS-Range – Environmental Restoration Information System-Range

IAPs - Installation Action Plans

IMA - Installation Management Agency

NEPA Online - National Environmental Policy Act Online

RPTS - Reimbursable Program Tracking System

SSO - Single Sign On

TRI – Toxic Release Inventory